

Windows—troublemakers for air conditioning

(NC)—We couldn't live without windows. They let in our view of the outside world. Unfortunately they also let in cold in winter and heat in summer. This happens through the glass itself and through space around the frame if it doesn't fit properly. This can happen with older windows because of settling of the house, or shrinkage of wood.

If your windows are very old, it might make sense to invest in new ones. Modern windows are vastly superior to old ones in their insulating quality. You can choose double or triple glazed windows, depending on

how severe the winter climate is in your locality.

If your windows are basically in good condition, make sure they're properly sealed with caulking and weatherstripping.

Insulating curtains made of heavy, multi-layered material can help keep heat in in winter and out in summer.

In summer it's wise in the daytime to draw curtains on all windows and keep them closed until the sun is low in the sky, especially on the southern

and western exposures. This makes your air conditioner's life much eas-

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ier and will save you money on your electric bill.

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Seven tips for intelligent and easy carpet buying

Once considered a luxury item, carpeting is now a basic necessity for many households. It is also one of the longest lasting items in a home. Research shows that major carpeting is replaced on an average of once every eight years.

The time and money that goes into this investment necessitates a wise carpet buying decision. Here are some tips to help you make the best choice:

* **Examine carpet color in the light in which it will be seen.** Showroom lights often change the appearance of the carpeting. Try to take a sample of the carpeting home to get a better idea of how it will look installed. If this is not possible, at least take the sample to a showroom window or door to examine its color in natural light. Also, always take color samples of your room furnishings with you when you shop to help you coordinate colors and picture how everything will look together.

* **Choose carpeting with the amount or room traffic in mind.** Short, dense-cut pile and loop carpets stand up well in heavy traffic areas like hallways and stairways, while plushes and velvets are better in low traffic areas like the master bedroom.

* **Check for fibre features that improve the performance of the carpet.** As a rule of thumb, nylon carpets are stain resistant.

* **Research before you buy.** Collect and study as much information as you can before you make your decision.

Some carpet manufacturers and fibre producers offer free booklets that will help you make a knowledgeable choice.

Also, always read the label on the back of the carpet sample. It gives important information on fibre content and carpet care. After you purchase your carpet, save the label for future



reference when you have having it cleaned or replaced.

* **Consider the total value of the carpeting and not just its initial purchase price.** Comparison shop the different brands carried by your carpet retailer and look for good construction at a reasonable price. Remember, a less expensive carpet is no bargain if it doesn't meet your family's needs.

* **Choose a carpet fibre that suits your life-style.** Nylon is the largest-selling carpet fibre on the market today and is responsible for about 80 per cent of all carpet sales. It is made into carpets that are tough and long-wearing, as well as luxurious and attractive. Natural carpet fibres, like wool, which have been in the market longer and are highly respected are not as durable as nylon.

* **Buy from a reputable carpet dealer.** Make sure your dealer has a trained sales staff that can knowledgeably answer your questions. Also, be sure to clarify exactly what you will receive for the carpeting's total price so you won't be disappointed with your purchase later. Total price should include carpeting, padding, and installation. Be sure to ask if there are any extra charges and what they are for.

Take time to research, study and apply what you've learned before you make your carpet purchase. It's time well spent to ensure that you get the best value on a household investment you will be pleased with for years to come.

Working with copper pipe

Most houses build today use flexible or rigid copper pipe for the hot and cold water supply throughout the house. Should you want to move a fixture or install a new faucet or sink you will have to learn to cut and solder copper pipe to make leak-free, tight joints.

With the wide range of fittings and adaptors available anyone can do a job that used to require the expensive services of a plumber.

Cutting copper pipe
Copper pipe is easily cut. The fastest and easiest way is to use a pipe or tubing cutter. This is a device that you tighten onto a pipe. It rotates and a cutting wheel cuts straight through the pipe with very little physical power required. This device is available for a small cost through your local hardware dealer.

When the cut is complete the burr that is left inside the pipe should be removed using the reamer that is built into most cutters. Or you can use a half-round file.

If you are just doing a small job and don't want to invest in a tubing cutter an old-fashioned hacksaw will do an excellent job. When using either tool be sure to remove the burrs and use a pipe vise or some other holding device. Always remember that old craftsman's rule: measure twice and cut once. Copper pipe is not cheap and you don't want to waste it.

Soldering

Soldering copper pipe is not a difficult process and can be quickly learned. The tools you require are a propane torch, 50/50 solder, flux, fine sandpaper, emery cloth, or steel wool.

The latter items are every bit as important as the propane torch because the most important thing when soldering a joint is cleanliness. All traces of dirt, grease or oxidation must be removed and the area to be soldered must gleam with the fresh copper exposed.

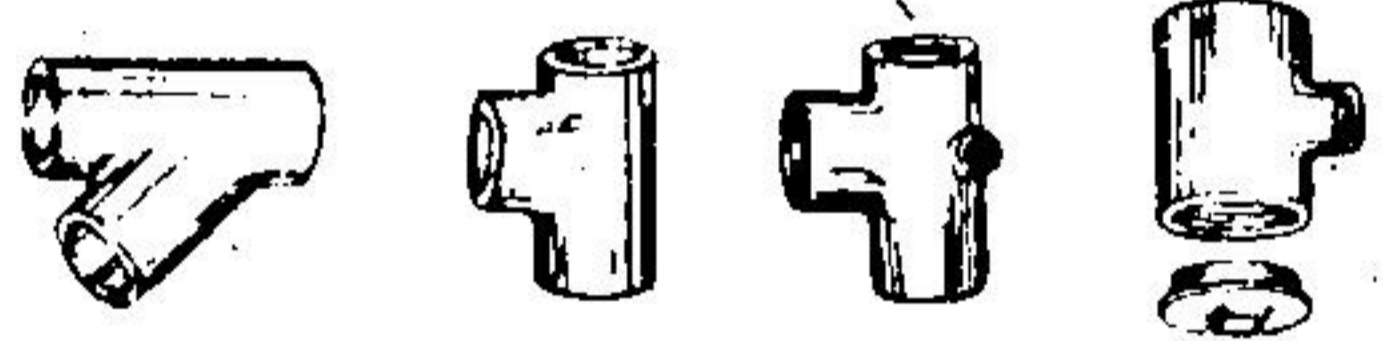
This means not only the outside of the pipe but the inside of the fitting. The only way solder can flow and adhere to the copper is to have it CLEAN. Another "must" is to have the area dry. If you are working on existing plumbing be sure that it is DRAINED DRY.

After you have thoroughly cleaned the pipe and the fitting both surfaces are coated with flux. The pipe and fitting are then assembled and the heat is applied to the FITTING. When the area has reached a sufficient temperature the solder is applied to the joint between the fitting and the pipe. It will melt and be drawn into the joint by capillary action, even from the lower joint upward.

Use with care
CAUTION... Use your propane torch with care. There are many fires started every year through their careless use. Also never use acid core solder for plumbing work! Use solid core solder only.



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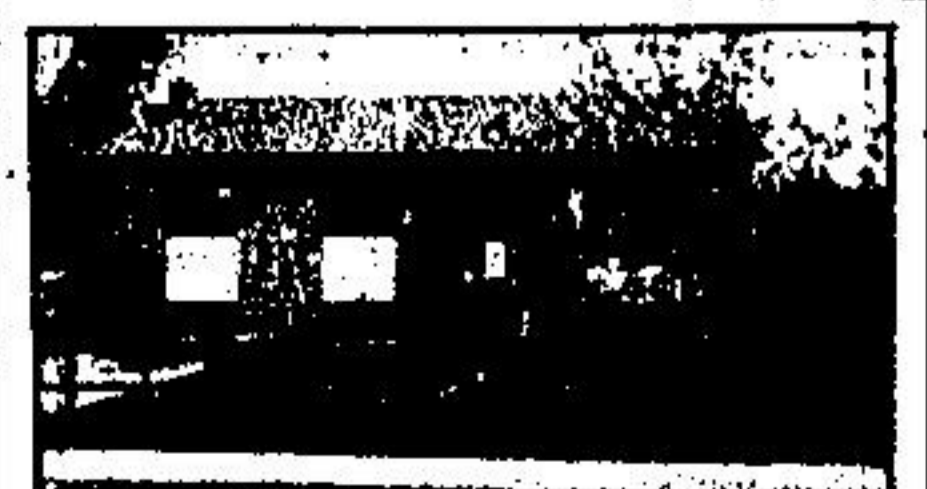
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